



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Richland City Hall ~ 625 Swift Boulevard

Zoom - Public Telephone Access: (206) 337-9723 or (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID No. 505 625 7380

City Council Regular Workshop Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Alvarez called the workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This workshop was a hybrid of in-person and online attendance via Zoom.

Attendance: Mayor Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lemley, and Richardson were present. Councilmember Lukson was absent.

Also present were City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire Chief Huntington, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Energy Services Director Whitney, Interim Chief of Police Clary, Finance Director Allen, Development Services Director Jensen, Fire Captain Hardgrove and City Clerk Rogers.

Agenda Items

1. Pavement Preservation Program Update

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Public Works Rogalsky presented on the State-of-the-Streets report, based on data collected from the City's pavement management system. The road system represents the largest single asset the City owns and manages. The City's public roadways receives substantial wear and tear compared to other city infrastructure due to use and weather exposure.

The City's street system is divided into two categories: maintenance and operations (M&O) and Improvements. Staff elaborated on funding sources and allocations for both categories. The streets M&O program is based on a lowest life-cycle approach. Funding presently dedicated for street maintenance will not sustain acceptable street surfaces.

Staff provided an overview of the Pavement Preservation Program and presented recommendations on minimum Pavement Condition Index (PCI) standards, funding needs, and optional funding sources. Staff will collaborate with the City Manager's Office and Finance Department to create a proposal to address the funding deficit in the 2023 Budget.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

2. Badger South Fire Station Project

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Fire

Chief Huntington, Finance Director Allen and Fire Captain Hardgrove presented a high-level overview of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for design and construction of a future fire station located in West Village Park in Badger Mountain South. The presentation included data on the construction timeline, funding, staff funding, and purchase and delivery of a fire engine and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Staff presented data on station deployment model inputs and Fire Station 76 response time comparisons.

Fire Captain Hardgrove provided an overview of the recruitment process, including onboarding and training of new hires.

Additional considerations on alternate approaches to the downtown police and fire expansion were presented. Even with projected rate increases for ambulance utility rates within the next five to seven years, the City of Richland would remain one of the lowest utility rates for ambulance services in the region.

Staff presented recommendations for the construction timelines, staffing needs, Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) engagement for rate adjustments, and pre-order of fleet and equipment.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

3. Uptown Shopping Center ADA Improvements

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Parks & Public Facilities Director Schiessl provided a historical overview of the Uptown Shopping Center ownership and parking lot repairs.

Private litigation involving business owners at the Uptown Shopping Center regarding Americans with Disabilities (ADA) violations was brought to the City's attention in 2021.

The City has contracted with Architects West to evaluate City-owned parking lots and sidewalks serving the Uptown Shopping Center. Staff provided details on the project scope and architect's estimated costs for ADA improvements. Communication between staff and business owners will be on-going during improvements.

Council engaged in a question and answer session with staff throughout the presentation.

Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i): Discuss Current or Potential Litigation with Legal Counsel (45 minutes)

COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:04 P.M.

Individuals present for the executive session included Mayor Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, and Councilmembers Jones, Kent, Lemley and Richardson. City Manager Amundson and City Attorney Kintzley also were present.

COUNCIL EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:49 P.M.

Adjournment

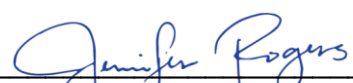
Mayor Alvarez adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

APPROVED:



Michael Alvarez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

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